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SUBJECT: 26TH COLOMBO PLAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE -  
FREQUENCY OF MEETING

REF: A) STATE 285932 (NOTAL), B) KATHMANDU 5199 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. COLOMBO PLAN (CP) OFFICIALS MEETING DECIDED  
TO RECOMMEND TO MINISTERS THAT US HOST NEXT CP MEETING  
IN WASHINGTON. QUESTION OF TIMING REMAINS OPEN,  
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HOWEVER, AND US MAY BE ASKED TO HOLD MEETING IN 1979,  
INSTEAD OF 1978. DELEGATION NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP  
WHETHER DATES OF DECEMBER 3-5, FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING  
AND NOVEMBER 27-30, 1979 FOR OFFICIALS' MEETING WOULD  
BE CONVENIENT. END SUMMARY.

2. US DELEGATION TO OFFICIALS MEETING OF SUBJECT

COMMITTEE APPRECIATES PROMPT INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING FREQUENCY OF COLOMBO PLAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CPCC) MEETING (REF A). DELEGATION HAS BEEN WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL TO HOLD CPCC EVERY TWO YEARS (REF B). US LEVERAGE SUBSTANTIALLY ENHANCED BY NEPAL DELEGATION DECISION TO ASK DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF CPCC OFFICIALS MEETING (WARNE, US DEL) TO TAKE THE CHAIR ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2. INFORMAL SOUNDINGS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING INDICATED THAT ALL DONOR COUNTRY PARTICIPANTS - AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, CANADA, AS WELL AS UK, NEW ZEALAND AND US - SUPPORTED PROPOSAL. BUT, NO DEVELOPED COUNTRY REGIONAL PARTICIPANT WAS WILLING TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN PLENARY SESSION. HOWEVER, DURING PLENARY DISCUSSION OF DRAFT CPCC CONSTITUTION, MALAYSIA TOOK THE UNEXPECTED INITIATIVE OF SUGGESTING THAT ARTICLE DEALING WITH FREQUENCY OF MEETING SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE. CANADA AND ALL REGIONAL DONORS, EXCEPT JAPAN, THEN HAD OCCASION TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL.

3. SINCE ISSUE WAS NOW ON THE TABLE, US DEL DECIDED NOT TO CITE AT THIS TIME A SPECIFIC DATE FOR HOSTING NEXT MEETING IN WASHINGTON. INSTEAD US INVITED COMMENTS OF DELEGATES ON TIMING OF MEETING. BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT, PAPUA NEW GUINEA DELEGATE SUGGESTED TO HOLD CPCC MEETING EVERY TWO YEARS. IN RATHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GARBLED INTERVENTIONS, MALAYSIA AND THAILAND SEEMED TO SUPPORT PNG PROPOSAL. UK ALSO SUPPORTED IT, BUT JAPANESE DELEGATE (KOWATA, MOFA), WHO PREVIOUSLY HAD AGREED TO ALSO SUPPORT PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S INTERVENTIONS, FAILED TO TAKE THE FLOOR. THE CHAIR THEN RULED THAT IT WAS A MATTER OF THE CPCC MINISTERIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 5 - 7 TO DECIDE ON THE TIMING OF NEXT MEETING, BUT THAT THERE WAS CONSENSUS TO RECOMMEND TO MINISTERS THAT THE NEXT MEETING WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON.

4. ACTION REQUESTED FROM DEPARTMENT: SHOULD MINISTERS DECIDE TO HOLD NEXT MEETING IN 1979 RATHER THAN 1978, CP BUREAU INDICATES THAT MOST CONVENIENT DATES FOR OFFICIALS MEETING WOULD BE NOV. 27 - 30 AND FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING DEC 3 - 5, 1979. DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ASAP WHETHER THESE DATES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, AND, IF NOT, WHAT DATES WOULD BE. SHOULD WE RECEIVE NO REPLY BY DECEMBER 5, DELEGATION WILL BE FLEXIBLE, INDICATING THAT DECISION ON YEAR OF NEXT MEETING IS UP TO CPCC REGIONAL PARTICIPANTS. WE WOULD

ADD THAT SHOULD MINISTERS DECIDE ON 1979,  
IN COORDINATION WITH CP BUREAU WE WOULD INFORM  
PARTICIPANTS LATER OF EXACT DATES FOR 1979  
MEETINGS.  
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